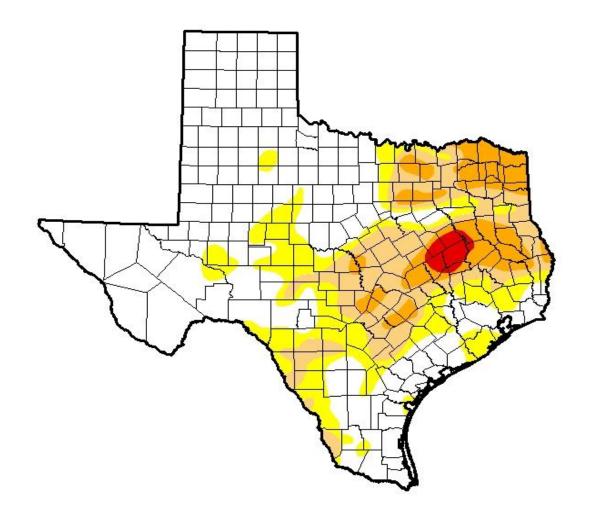


# West Central Texas Drought Conditions Update – September 3, 2015



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## U.S. Drought Monitor Texas



#### September 1, 2015

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

4	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Сиптепт	58.06	41.94	24.76	9.99	1.32	0.00
Last Week 8/25/2015	59.34	40.66	23.52	6.37	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 62/2015	90.82	9.18	0.64	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 12302014	34.37	65.63	44.68	25.73	11.70	3.17
Start of Water Year 930/2014	28.92	71.08	48.95	29.54	11.26	2.69
One Year Ago 9/2/2014	13.26	86.74	61.39	37.92	16.18	2.76

#### Intensity:

D0 Abnormally Dry

D1 Moderate Drought

D2 Severe Drought

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions.

Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.

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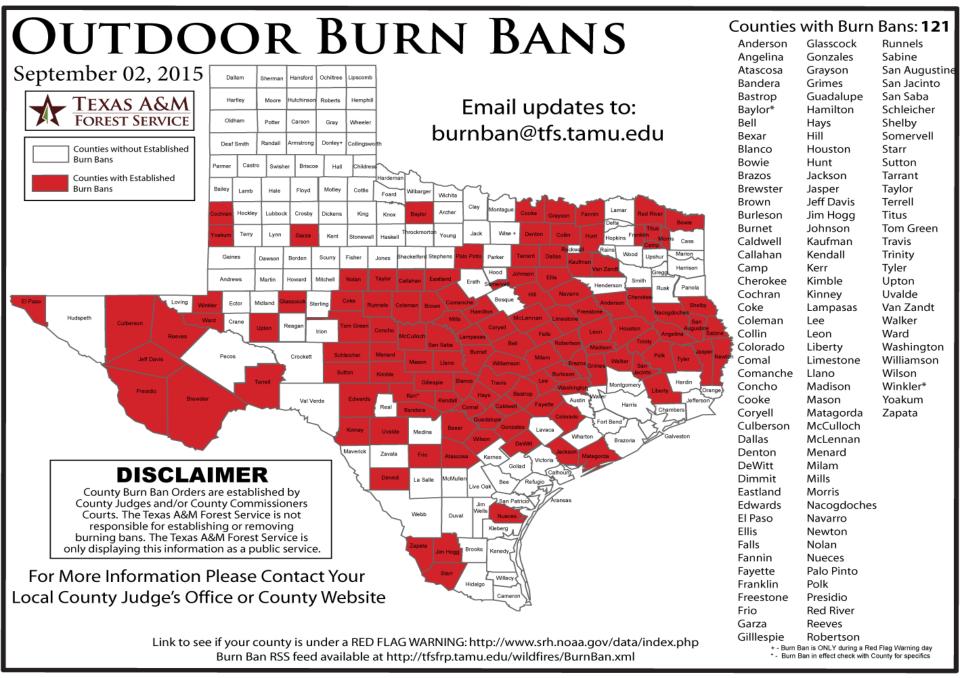
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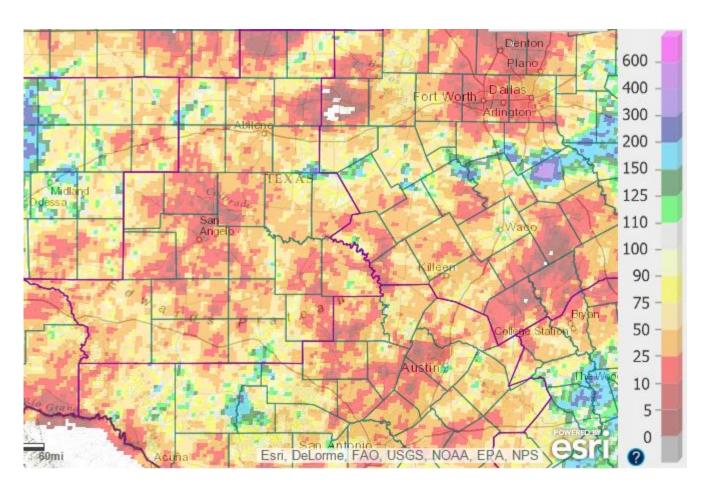








# Percentage of Normal Rainfall Past 30 Days



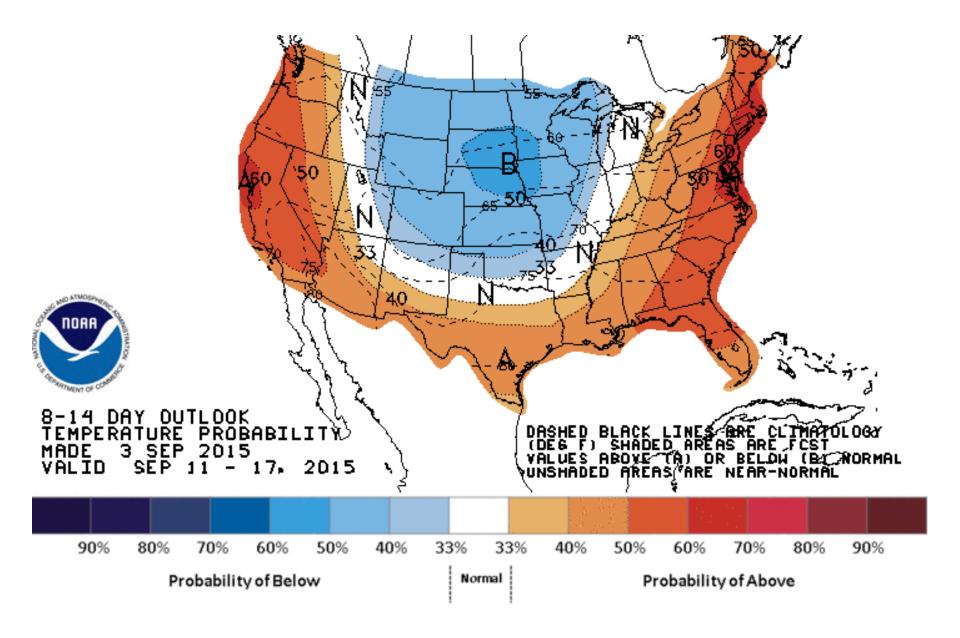
Rainfall (past 30 days, as of September 2) less than half of normal for most of West Central Texas

El Nino conditions have strengthened in the past few months. A strong El Nino event is possible late this Fall and Winter, increasing the chances for above normal precipitation across West Central Texas.

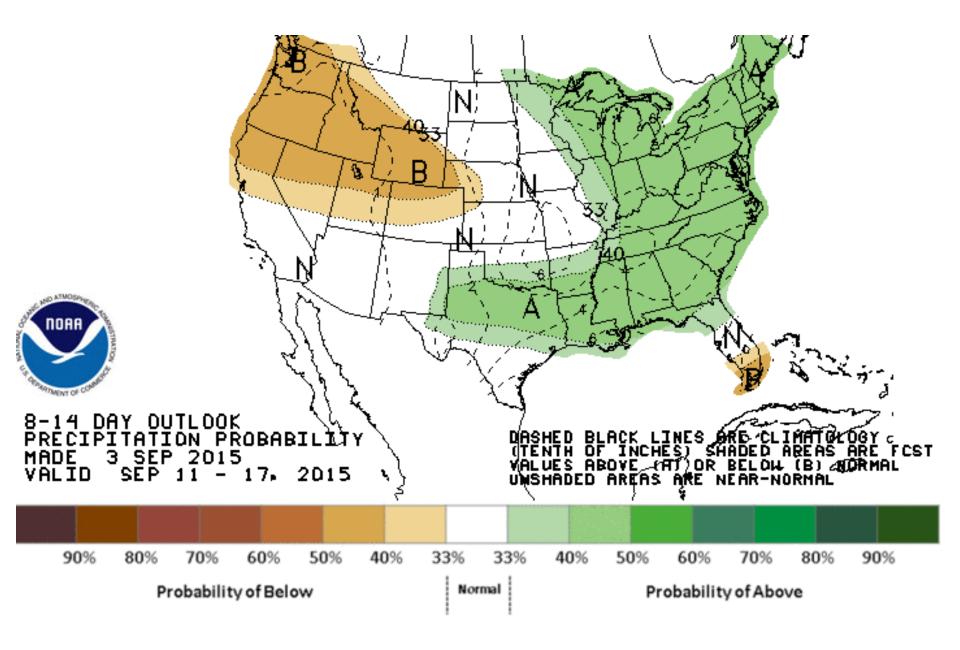
For the Sep 11 – Sep 17 period...

- ➤ Temperatures There are slightly enhanced chances for above normal temperatures across central and southern Texas.
- ➤ Precipitation There are enhanced chances for precipitation to be above normal across West Central Texas.

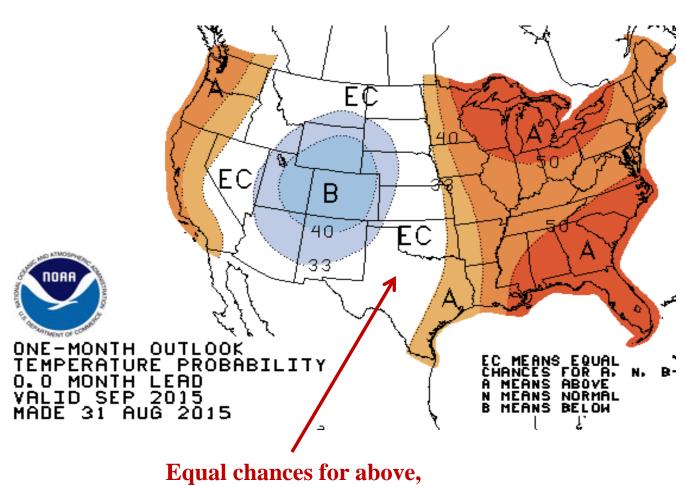
#### Week 2 Temperature Forecast (9/11 – 9/17)



## **Week 2 Precipitation Forecast (9/11 – 9/17)**

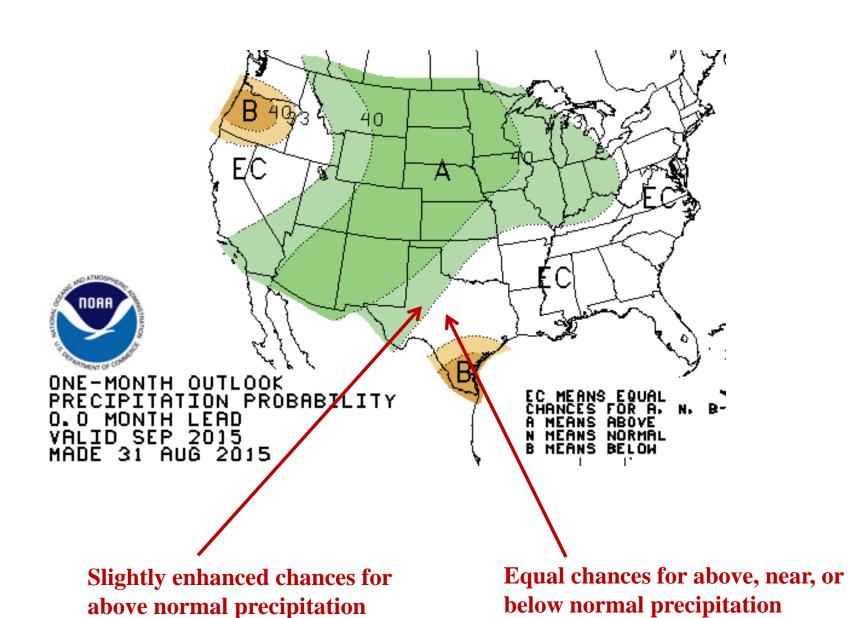


#### 30 Day Temperature Outlook (September)

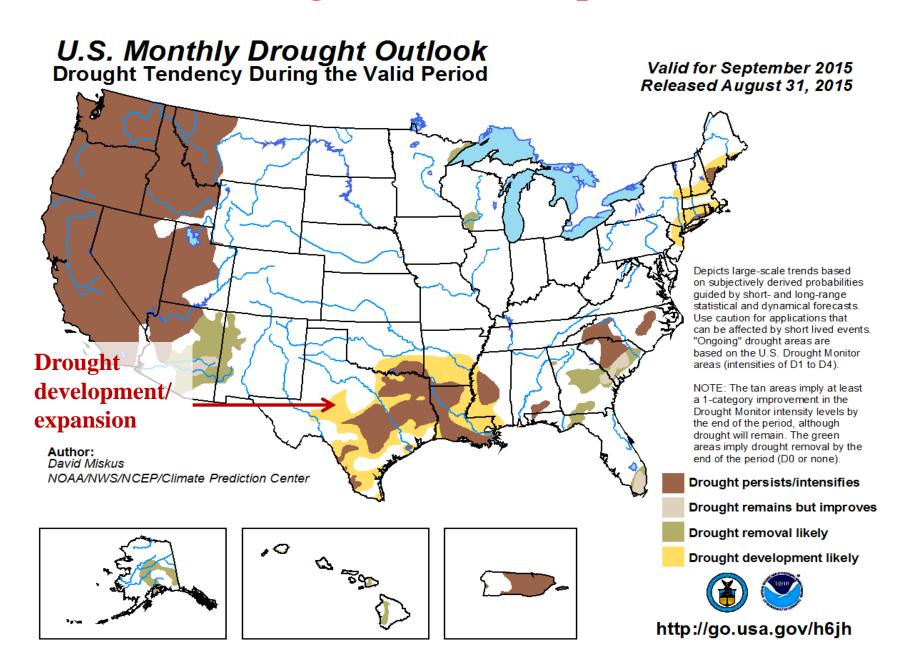


Equal chances for above, near, or below normal temperatures

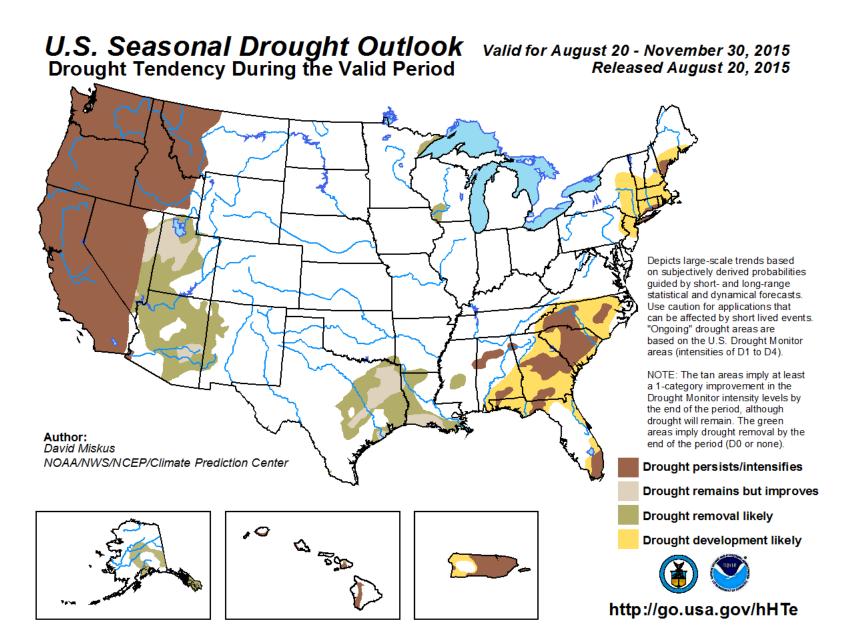
## 30 Day Precipitation Outlook (September)



#### **Drought Outlook (September)**



#### **Drought Outlook (September-November)**



## **Drought Impacts – September**

- Drought conditions have quickly developed since July and will expand in early September.
- Stressed forage and hay crops, and quickly deteriorating condition of rangeland and pastures.
- Increased risk of grass and brush fires.
- Long-term effects are still evident in surface (reservoir) water supplies.
- Supplemental feeding of livestock across some areas.